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### 1. HOLBROOKE BRIEFING

WP'S OBERDORFER REPORTS EA ASSISTANT SEC, IN THURS TALK  
WITH MEDIA REPS, VOICED "GENUINE HOPE" FOR CLOSER  
US-VIET TIES; SAID "EVERY ARGUMENT" FAVORS NORMALIZATION  
RELS WITH SRV IF HANOI CONTINUES ACCOUNT FOR US MIAS.

UPI'S ANDERSON SAYS HOLBROOKE DECLARED US HAS NO OFFICIAL  
INDICATION FROM VIETS THAT THEY CONSIDER 3.25 BILLION  
DOLS IN RECONSTRUCTION AID "PRECONDITION" FOR ESTABLISHING  
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NORMAL RELS; REMARKED THAT US FEELS SRV HAS MORE MIA INFO  
THAN GIVEN US; SAID RATIONALE FOR MOVING TOWARDS  
REPPROCHEMENT WITH HANOI IS PRES CARTER'S FEELING WE SHOULD  
HAVE NORMAL RELS WITH EVERY NATION, WILL SOONER OR LATER,  
SO NORMAL NOW TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION (4/28).

REUTER (4/28) CITES HOLBROOKE AS SAYING US WILL COMPLETE  
WORK ON DETAILED PLAN FOR WITHDRAWAL TROOPS FROM SK ABOUT  
MIDDLE THIS YEAR, BUT QUESTION OF NUKE UMBRELLA FOR SK  
IS UNDER REVIEW. NOTES HOLBROOKE DID NOT ELABORATE OR

INDICATE WHETHER THIS MEANT NUMBER NUKES IN SK WILL BE

INCREASED OR DECREASED (ALSO AP'S GEDDA).

## 2. INDOCHINA

PHAM VAN DONG AT PARIS SAYS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUTCOME NEXT TUES' NEGOTS ON NORMALIZING RELS W/US (AP, NYDN). BELIEVES "POSITIVE RESULTS" POSSIBLE, GIVEN GOODWILL ON BOTH SIDES (REUTER PARIS). DEP FONMIN NGUYEN CO THACH STATES HANOI EXPECTS US HONOR "PLEDGE" TO FURNISH 3.5 BILLION DOLS IN POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION WORK. AT THURS NEWS CONF, DONG RELUCTANT GO INTO DETAILS OF COMING TALKS, BUT AIDES SAID PRIVATELY HOPE FOR EARLY NORMALIZATION RELS ACCOMPANIED BY US "COMPLIANCE" W/PLEDGE GIVE VN 3.5 BILLION (UPI PARIS).

NYT SPEC REVIEWS DONG'S NEWS CONF THAT ENDED 4-DAY FRENCH VISIT. MENTIONS ECON AGREEMENT W/GOF TO PROVIDE 600 MIL-LION DOLS IN LOANS/GRANTS/CREDITS. ADDS DONG PLANS REMAIN IN PARIS UNTIL 4/30 ON PRIVATE SCHEDULE, BUT NOT EXPECTED MEET W/US DEL ARRIVING FOR TUES TALKS. NOTES DONG WILL STOP IN MOSCOW/PEKING ON RETURN HANOI.

AP'S O'LOUGHLIN (WSTAR 4/28; CHITRIB, NYDN) RETURNS TO VN AFTER 2 YRS W/GROUP AUSSIE/OTHER TOURISTS. FINDS SPARTAN WAY OF LIFE IN NVN/RELATIVELY AFFLUENT WAY IN SVN YET. UNCLASSIFIED

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MENTIONS NVN HAMPERED BY DROUGHT/COLD WEATHER THAT CAUSED 1.2 MILLION-TON DROP IN FOOD PRODUCTION. FINDS MANY SIMILARITIES W/OLD DAYS IN SAIGON. NOTES ABANDONED US AIR-CRAFT ROT AT AIRPORT. OPINES COMMUNISTS COMING TO GRIPS W/ECON SYSTEM IN SVN, SO "THINGS COULD GET TOUGHER."

## 3. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

VN/LAOS/THAILAND TAKE STEP TOWARD IMPROVING RELS, AGREE RESUME UN-AIDED WORK ON MEKONG DEVELOPMENT (REUTER BANGKOK).

## 4. SINGAPORE

FORMER FEER CORRESPONDENT HO KWONG PING RELEASED AFTER BEING DETAINED SINCE MAR 12 FOR ALLEGED ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITIES (REUTER SINGAPORE).

FRG FONMIN HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER ARRIVES FOR 2-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT AIMED AT BOOSTING BONN'S TRADE W/SINGAPORE (WP).

## 5. AUSTRALIA

RAWITCH (LAT 4/28) REVIEWS ESPIONAGE TRIAL BOYCE AT LA.

NOTES ASST US ATTY OBJECTED TO FURTHER ELABORATION BY  
BOYCE OF CIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA; JUDGE SUSTAINED  
OBJECTION. AP (SUN) REPORTS BOYCE FOUND GUILTY.

GOA FACES RENEWED OPPOSITION DEMANDS TO BEGIN FULL-SCALE  
INVESTIGATION ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA (REUTER  
CANBERRA). ALARM OVER ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES DEEPENED  
W/REPORT US AGENTS BEING SECRETLY FLOWN IN/OUT OF COUNTRY  
UNCHECKED BY IMMIGRATION/CUSTOMS OFFICIALS (REUTER SYDNEY).

WH DEFENDS DESIGNATION ALSTON AS AMB TO AUSTRALIA AGAINST  
AFSA ATTACK. SAYS PRES BELIEVES APPOINTMENT IN BEST  
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INTERESTS OF COUNTRY (REUTER WASHINGTON).

#### 6. JAPAN

JAPAN'S EXPORTS COLOR TVS TO US CLIMBED 21.2 PCT IN MARCH;  
35.6 PCT JUMP OVER SAME MO LAST YR (CULLISON, JOC).

MONITORING LOCKHEED FINANCIAL SITUATION, GAO SAYS FIRM'S  
SALES POTENTIAL ABROAD, EXCEPT POSSIBLY IN JAPAN, HASN'T  
BEEN HURT BY INTL PAYOFF SCANDAL. ADDS EVEN IF JAPAN  
CANCELLED 78-MIL-DOLS TRISTAR ORDER, LOCKHEED WOULD NOT  
SUFFER SIGNIFICANT CASH FLOW PROBLEM (REUTER 4/28).

DOLLAR DROPPED SLIGHTLY IN TOKYO THURS; JAPANESE CONSUMER  
PRICES ROSE 0.6 PCT FEB, UP 9.4 PCT OVER MARCH '76 LEVEL  
(WSJ).

CANADA'S KAISER RESOURCES LTD/ITS JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY  
CUSTOMERS AGREE ON PRICE INCREASE FOR METALLURGICAL COAL  
SOLD UNDER FIRM'S LONGTERM CONTRACT, RETROACTIVE TO 4/1  
(WSJ).

NYT RUNS AP FOTO HIROHITO/EMPRESS ON OCCASION EMPEROR'S  
76TH BIRTHDAY.

JAL TO SPEND 1.7 MIL DOLS TO PROVIDE LOWER HEMLINES FOR  
2,600 STEWARDESSES AFTER THEY COMPLAINED MINISKIRT UNIFORMS  
UNSUITABLE (REUTER TOKYO 4/28).

#### 7. KOREA

TOP TONGSUN PARK ASST JOHN GIBBONS, QUESTIONED BY HOUSE  
ETHICS CMTE 4/28, TOLD NYDN HE DELIVERED CASH-FILLED  
ENVELOPE TO CALIF REP MCFALL'S ADMIN ASST RAY BARNES  
IN 1974. ADDED DIDN'T COUNT CASH, BUT "COULD HAVE BEEN  
CONSIDERABLE." BARNES UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT (VOLZ,  
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NYDN).

IN YOMIURI SHIMBUN INTERVIEW, KIM IL SUNG SAID WHILE CARTER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD NK AT 1ST "FAVORABLE," HAVE BEEN "DISCREPENCIES" BETW CAMPAIGN PLEDGES/ACTIONS TAKEN (WP). TERMED PRES' ACTIONS "CLEARLY CONTRARY" TO CAMPAIGN PLEDGE WITHDRAW US TROOPS SK (UPI, NYDN).

SK UNVEILED 32-FT GRANITE MONUMENT WEDNESDAY TO HONOR 18 WAR CORRESPONDENTS KILLED DURING KOREAN WAR. SOME 80 FORMER WAR CORRESPONDENTS WHO COVERED KOREAN CONFLICT ATTENDED CEREMONY AT UNIFICATION PARK, 25 MI N SEOUL (UPI'S MILLER, LAT 4/28).

#### 8. CHINA

WP'S MATHEWS (PEKING) REPORTS "SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIAL," WHO ASKED NOT BE IDENTIFIED, IN 90-MINUTE INTERVIEW EXPRESSED GREAT DISSATISFACTION WITH CARTER ADMIN'S FAILURE SO FAR MOVE TOWARD FULL DIPLO RELS WITH PEKING. OFFICIAL SAID "NO SIGN IN SIGHT AT THIS POINT" THAT US HAD MADE UP MIND TO DISCUSS ISSUE; COMPLAINED US TALKING ABOUT HOW NOT DISCOUNT OLD FRIENDS ON TAIWAN--AND SUCH US TALK "RUNS COUNTER" SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE SPIRIT. MATHEWS' SOURCE ADDED THAT US OCCUPATION TAIWAN MEANS CONTINUATION "AMERICAN AGGRESSION AND INTERFERENCE IN CHINESE AFFAIRS," AND SO LONG AS "PROBLEM REMAINS UNSOLVED, THE DEBT OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE WILL GROW BIGGER AND BIGGER."

OFFICIAL SAID IF US WANTS NORMALIZE RELS WITH PEKING, IT MUST SEVER RELS WITH ROC, WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM TAIWAN AND ABROGATE DEFENSE TREATY; DECLARED REPORTS VANCE VISITING PRC IN NOV TO DISCUSS NORMALIZATION "ARE JUST AMERICAN PRESS SPECULATION"; VOICED HOPE FOR RETAKING TAIWAN WITHOUT FORCE, BUT SAID SINCE ROC SHOPPING FOR WEAPONS, "WE UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL HAVE TO FIGHT A BATTLE" TO REGAIN ISLAND; OFFICIAL SAID SEVERANCE OFFICIAL US-ROC TIES WOULD NOT NECESSARILY MEAN TERMINATION AMERICAN-TAIWAN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. MATHEWS REPORTS SOURCE USED SOME OF SHARPEST LANGUAGE WHILE GIVING OPINION ON US POLICY AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ABROAD--CITING US DOMESTIC RACIAL BIAS.

AP REPORTS THAT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1972 EASING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, US ART HISTORIANS BEING ALLOWED ENTER PRC, WITH 10 LEAVING NEXT MONTH FOR 30-DAY VISIT SPONSORED BY "NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES," AT 96,840-DOL COST.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

SUN CALLS VN/France ECON AGREEMENT TRIUMPH FOR BOTH. OPINES ADVANTAGE US INVOLVEMENT IN VN WAS THAT WAS FREE IMPERIAL/COMML DESIGNS. REVIEWS HISTORY VN. STATES FRANCE IS MOST PERSISTENT "NEOCOLONIZER," IS "BOUNDING BACK" INTO VN. SAYS HANOI PLAYING PARIS OFF VS WASHINGTON. NOTES HANOI WANTS MASSIVE US AID; OIL IS OFF COAST, AND IF US WANTS PLAY ROLE IN EXPLOITATION HAS "JUST BEEN SHOWN HOW."

BROWNING (CSM PARIS) OBSERVES GOF BIDDING FOR ROLE IN VN. SAYS DONG VISIT SEEN AS SIGNAL HANOI WANTS OPEN POL/ECON CONTACTS W/WEST. QUOTES VN OFFICIALS THAT PROGRESS ON ECON COOPERATION W/US WILL DEPEND ON RESULTS MAY 3 TALKS. NOTES FRENCH DESIRE DEVELOP SPECIAL RELS W/VN/LAOS/CAMBODIA.

10. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

LORENZ (JOC BANGKOK) SAYS VN EXPECTED PRESS FOR US AID AT UNCLASSIFIED

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TUES MTG. NOTES VN-FRANCE PROGRESS ON SETTling COMPENSATION ISSUE FOR PRIVATE LOSSES. REVIEWS VN EFFORTS GET AID FROM ADB/ESCAP. MENTIONS VN RELS W/RTG, INCLUDING PROBLEM RE ETHNIC VIETS IN THAILAND. POINTS OUT THAILAND ANXIOUS GET ON W/MEKONG SCHEMES. REVIEWS HANOI DEVELOPMENT PLANS, INCL PROBLEM OF FINANCING THEM. CONCLUDES MAY 3 TALKS MAY REMOVE SERIOUS POL OBSTACLES TO FUTURE US AID.

11. CHINA

CDN'S BEECH (4/27) OBSERVES THAT WITH STRAINS SHOWING IN US-SOVIET RELS, CARTER ADMIN HAS LAUNCHED "CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN TO LET THE CHINESE KNOW THEY ARE STILL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING" OF WASHINGTON-PEKING-MOSCOW TRIANGLE, EVEN THOUGH US HAS BEEN OCCUPIED WITH SOVIET/AFRICA/ME. CITES CHIP CARTER'S PRC VISIT WITH CODEL; REPORTED VANCE NOV PEKING TRIP; NCUSCT'S PHILLIPS' CONCERN ABOUT ABSENCE NORMALIZATION. ACCORDING BEECH, "WHAT ALL THIS ACTIVITY ADDS UP TO IS NOT MUCH," IS CALCULATED KEEP PRC SAFELY IN ORBIT WHILE US TRIES COME TO GRIPS WITH BASIC QUESTION WHETHER CAN/SHOULD ESTABLISH FULL RELS NOW AT EXPENSE ROC--AND IF NOT, WHAT CAN BE DONE TO KEEP CHINESE HAPPY IN MEANTIME.

TO BEECH, ALL ARGUMENTS FOR RECOGNIZING PRC HAVE MAJOR

DISADVANTAGE OF DEALING WITH INTANGIBLE BENEFITS THAT MIGHT RESULT, AS OPPOSED TO KNOWN/CONCRETE REALITIES. FINDS GOOD ANSWERS HARD TO COME BY ON WHAT US WOULD GAIN BY NORMALIZATION WITH PEKING THAT IT DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE NOW. CONCLUDES NOT MUCH LIKELY HAPPEN ON SINO-US FRONT THIS YEAR; SINCE PEKING SAYS CAN WAIT FOR TAIWAN, SEEMS LITTLE REASON US SHOULD BE IN GREAT HURRY.

WM BUCKLEY (BALT NA 4/28) ACCEPTS HAK'S VERSION OF SINO-US NORMALIZATION: THAT IT WOULD MEAN WITHDRAWAL RECOGNITION. UNCLASSIFIED

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TION OF ROC, BUT ONLY IF PRC PLEDGES LIMIT ITSELF TO PEACEFUL MEANS OF ATTEMPTING REUNIFICATION. BUCKLEY CONTRASTS THIS WITH "VIEW OF CARTER ADMIN" THAT MEANS SEVERANCE US DIPLO/MIL RELS WITH ROC. WARNS IF THIS HAPPENS, PRC WOULD BE FREE TO MOUNT MIL CAMPAIGN AGAINST TAIWAN TO FORCE UNIFICATION.

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) PREDICTS FORMAL EXPULSION FROM CCP MAY BE NEXT DISGRACE FOR "GANG OF FOUR."

#### 12. SINGAPORE

CSM CITES PEIRCE ARTICLE IN GLOBE REPORTING IMPRESSIVE RESULTS GOS' CRACKDOWN ON DOWNTOWN SINGAPORE TRAFFIC. URGES TRANSPORT SEC ADAMS PUT EXPERIMENT HIGH ON LIST FOR US/ASKS CARTER GIVE IT "GOOD NUDGE" AS PART COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY POLICY.

#### 13. GENERAL

ANNUAL SURVEY PUBLISHED BY INDEPENDENT, LONDON-BASED INTL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES STATES "KEYNOTE" OF SEA POLITICS IN 1976 WAS "UNCERTAINTY, CAUSED MAINLY BY DEVELOPMENTS IN VIETNAM." SAYS IMPLICATIONS VN'S POSITION FOR REGION STILL UNCLEAR/WILL EMERGE ONLY GRADUALLY.

RE US TROOP WITHDRAWAL SK, SURVEY SAYS THERE IS SOME CONFIDENCE SELF-SUFFICIENT DEFENSE CAN BE ESTABLISHED, W/SOME SORT US SECURITY PLEDGE, "NOTABLY A NUCLEAR GUARANTEE-" STATES W/O SUCH PLEDGE, PRESSURES ON SK SEEK NUKE CAPABILITY "CONSIDERABLE," W/ALL "UNWELCOME IMPLICATIONS" WOULD HAVE ON REGION'S "SECURITY ENVIRONMENT," "NOT LEAST IN JAPAN."

REPORT ALSO NOTES DECLINING US PRESENCE TAIWAN. SAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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PRC PRIORITIES LIE NOT W/TAIWAN, BUT IN SECURING SOME DEGREE US SUPPORT IN QUARRELS W/USSR. ADDS PRC APPEARS HAVE WITNESSED VICTORY FOR MODERATES, VISUALIZES "MORE STEADY COURSE" FOR CHINA IN NEAR FUTURE. SURVEY CONCLUDES

VN POWER SHIFT/MOUNTING ECON PROBLEMS/ABSENCE CLEAR SEA IDENTITY MEAN OPENING NEW/UNPREDICTABLE PERIOD (REUTER LONDON).

IN EDIT RE ETHIOPIA'S HOSTILITY TOWARD WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS, WP SAYS 3RD WORLD'S CONCEPTS NEWS MANAGEMENT--THROWING OUT/KEEPING OUT JOURNALISTS WHO CANNOT BE COUNTED UPON SEE THINGS GOVT'S WAY--GAINING, "THANKS TO UNESCO, AMONG OTHERS," INCREASING CURRENCY/LEGITIMACY IN RECENT YRS. STATES ONE WAY 3RD WORLD CAN COMPETE W/UNFAVORABLE WESTERN REPORTS ABOUT ITSELF IS PRODUCTION ALTERNATIVE REPORTS, BUT SUCH REPORTS "ALMOST ALWAYS" TURN OUT UNRELIABLE/"PROPAGANDISTIC DISTORTIONS" ON "SOVIET MODEL."

NYT PRINTS AMNESTY INTL'S LIST OVER 100 JOURNALISTS IMPRISONED/DETAINED IN 25 COUNTRIES DUE POL REASONS. AMONG THEM ARE 19 IN INDONESIA, 3 IN SINGAPORE, 2 IN SK, 4 IN TAIWAN, 3 IN THAILAND (REUTER LONDON 4/27). CHRISTOPHER

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